



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
March 28, 2003

Applicant(s): Wayne D. GROVER, et al  
For: PROTECTION OF ROUTERS IN A TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

Serial No.: 09/314 518                      Group: 2665  
Confirmation No.: 5305  
Filed: May 19, 1999                      Examiner: T. Tran  
Atty. Docket No.: Thomp-L 4

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and 1.97, the Applicants take this opportunity to call to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office documents that may be material to the prosecution of this application. The cited documents are enclosed and listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

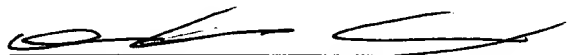
The Applicants acknowledge that this paper is being submitted after the issuance of a substantive Office Action for this application. However, it is being submitted before the issuance of a Notice of Allowance or final Office Action. As discussed below, the documents cited under cover of this paper are all documents that were called to the attention of the Applicants by a foreign patent office in its review of a corresponding application in correspondence within the last three (3) months. Accordingly, per 37 CFR § 1.97, it is respectfully submitted that no fees are due in order to ensure consideration of the cited documents. If the Examiner charged with review of this application reaches an alternative conclusion regarding this matter, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative.



Specifically, under cover of this paper, the Applicants call to the attention of the Office two publications cited by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office in its Examination Report dated February 3, 2003. The Applicants also make of record in this application the correspondence from the Canadian Intellectual Property Office.

The relevance of the cited documents is set forth in the Examination Report. Accordingly, no further commentary regarding these documents is believed necessary at this time.

Respectfully submitted,



David S. Goldenberg

DSG\pcq

FLYNN, THIEL, BOUTELL	Dale H. Thiel	Reg. No. 24 323
& TANIS, P.C.	David G. Boutell	Reg. No. 25 072
2026 Rambling Road	Ronald J. Tanis	Reg. No. 22 724
Kalamazoo, MI 49008-1631	Terryence F. Chapman	Reg. No. 32 549
Phone: (269) 381-1156	Mark L. Maki	Reg. No. 36 589
Fax: (269) 381-5465	David S. Goldenberg	Reg. No. 31 257
	Sidney B. Williams, Jr.	Reg. No. 24 949
	Liane L. Churney	Reg. No. 40 694
	Brian R. Tumm	Reg. No. 36 328
	Tricia R. Cobb	Reg. No. 44 621
	Robert J. Sayfie	Reg. No. 37 714

Enc: Form PTO-1449 and all cited references.  
Postal Card

136.0112